

Claims:

1. (originally submitted) A compound adapted to conceal a medication/supplement when administered to an animal, comprising:  
(A) water as a carrier solvent;  
(B) at least one hydrogenated oil;  
(C) at least one emulsifier; and  
(D) a preservative.
2. (originally submitted) A compound according to claim 1 including an anti-caking agent.
3. (originally submitted) A compound according to claim 2 wherein said anti-caking agent is silicon dioxide.
4. (originally submitted) A compound according to claim 1 including a viscosifier.
5. (originally submitted) A compound according to claim 4 wherein the viscosifier is sodium carboxymethylcellulose.
6. (originally submitted) A compound according to claim 1 wherein said hydrogenated oil is selected from a group consisting of vegetable oil and fish oil.
7. (originally submitted) A compound according to claim 1 wherein said emulsifier is selected from a group consisting of casein, disodium phosphate, mono-glycerides, and diglycerides,
8. (originally submitted) A compound according to claim 1 wherein said compound has a peel strength to paper of about 0.033 lbs/inch.
9. (originally submitted) A compound according to claim 1 including a flavoring.
10. (originally submitted) A compound according to claim 9 wherein said flavoring is an artificial flavoring selected from a group consisting of beef, chicken, shrimp, apple, cherry,

and grape.

11. (originally submitted) A compound according to claim 1 including a coloring agent.
12. (originally submitted) A compound according to claim 1 including at least one binder.
13. (originally submitted) A compound according to claim 12 wherein said binder is corn starch.
14. (Omitted from original submission)
15. (originally submitted) A compound according to claim 1 wherein the water comprises between about 40% to 60% by weight of the compound.
16. (originally submitted) A compound according to claim 1 wherein the hydrogenated oil comprises between about 19% to 25% by weight of the compound.
17. (originally submitted) A compound according to claim 1 wherein the emulsifier comprises between about 14% to 20% by weight of the compound.
19. (originally submitted) A compound according to claim 1 wherein said compound has a peel strength to itself of about 0.079 lbs./inch.
20. (originally submitted) A compound according to claim 1 wherein said compound has a tensile strength of about 0.33 psi.
21. (originally submitted) A compound according to claim 1 wherein said compound has a compressive strength of about 2.02 psi.
22. (originally submitted) A compound adapted to conceal a medication/supplement when administered to an animal, comprising:  
(A) water as a carrier solvent;

- (B) hydrogenated vegetable oil;
  - (C) hydrogenated fish oil;
  - (D) an emulsifier selected from a group consisting of casein, disodium phosphate, mono-glycerides, and di-glycerides;
  - (E) corn starch;
  - (F) a sweetening agent;
  - (G) a flavoring agent; and
  - (H) a preservative.
23. (originally submitted) A compound according to claim 22 including silicon dioxide as an anti caking agent.
24. (originally submitted) A compound according to claim 22 wherein the water comprises between about 40% to 60% by weight of the compound, the hydrogenated oil comprises between about 19% to 25% by weight of the compound, and the emulsifier comprises between about 14% to 20% by weight of the compound.
25. (originally submitted) A compound according to claim 22 including sodium carboxymethylcellulose as a viscosifier, said sodium carboxymethylcellulose comprising about no more than 0.5% of the compound by weight.
26. (originally submitted) A product adapted for administration to an animal, comprising:
- (A) a dosage of a compound selected from a group consisting of medications and food supplements; and
  - (B) a coating substantially enclosing said dosage wherein said coating includes
    - (2) at least one hydrogenated oil;
    - (3) at least one emulsifier; and
    - (4) a preservative.
27. (originally submitted) A product according to claim 26 including an anti-caking agent.

28. (originally submitted) A product according to claim 27 wherein said anti-caking agent is silicon dioxide.
29. (originally submitted) A product according to claim 26 including a viscosifier.
30. (originally submitted) A product according to claim 29 wherein the viscosifier is sodium carboxymethylcellulose.
31. (originally submitted) A product according to claim 26 wherein said emulsifier is selected from a group consisting of casein, disodium phosphate, mono-glycerides, and diglycerides.
32. (originally submitted) A product according to claim 26 including at least one binder.
33. (originally submitted) A product according to claim 32 wherein said binder is corn starch.
34. (withdrawn) A method of administering a medication/supplement to an animal, comprising:
  - (A) providing a mass of a selected size of a compound including:
    - (1) water as a carrier solvent,
    - (2) at least one hydrogenated oil;
    - (3) at least one emulsifier; and
    - (4) a preservative; and
  - (B) encapsulating the medication/supplement in said mass whereby said mass forms a layer around the medication/supplement.
35. (withdrawn) A method according to claim 34 including the step of flattening said mass into a sheet having a thickness of between about 1/16 inch ( 3.2 mm) to 1/4 inch (6.4 mm), said step of encapsulating the medication/supplement being accomplished by completely wrapping the medication/supplement in said sheet.
36. (withdrawn) A method according to claim 35 wherein said sheet is disc-shaped in configuration.

37. (withdrawn) A method according to claim 34 including the step of forming said mass into a generally spherical shape, said step of encapsulating the medication/supplement being accomplished by creating a cavity in said mass, placing the medication/supplement in the cavity and thereafter sealing the cavity to form the layer.

38. (withdrawn) A method according to claim 34 wherein the medication/supplement is in a tablet form and including the step of crushing the tablet form to granulate the medication/supplement prior to encapsulating the medication/supplement.